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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of  
Gerhard SCHNEIDER et al  
Serial No.: 09/834,501  
Filed: Apr. 12, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1734  
Examiner:



For: MUSHROOM STEM WAFER PEDESTAL FOR IMPROVED CONDUCTANCE  
AND UNIFORMITY

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 (1 sheet); and
3. Exhibits (6 enclosures).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1579. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-1579 for any future fees connected in any way to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant hereby submits the following Information Disclosure Statement. The form PTO-1449 submitted, lists references which Applicant thinks may be relevant. These documents are not necessarily analogous art. It is respectfully requested that these documents be considered by the Examiner, and that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning copies of the attached form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate marks affixed. Copies of all references are enclosed.

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